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**MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR, MILITARY PAY OPERATIONS, DEFENSE
FINANCE AND ACCOUNTING SERVICE (DFAS-PM/CL)**

SUBJECT: Interim Change to the Department of Defense Financial Management Regulation (DoDFMR), Volume 7, Part B, Regarding Reserve Component Survivor Benefit Plan (RCSBP) Spouse's Consent (DFAS Item K-16)

The attached is Interim Change **R 20-01** to Chapter 55 of the DoDFMR, Volume 7B. Public Law 106-398, Section 655, October 30, 2000, requires retirement-eligible reservists to obtain the concurrence of their spouses before making a decision to decline or defer participation in the RCSBP. This change is effective January 1, 2001.

We have evaluated your comments on the proposed change and included your comments where appropriate. Assignment of the interim change number is your authority to initiate procedural modifications to implement this change. Use the attached to initiate form change to the DoDFMR, Volume 7B.

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Director for Finance

Attachments:
As stated

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1. Paragraph 550102, last sentence, revise to read:

“A member who is married or has a dependent child and who receives notice of eligibility for retired pay after January 1, 2001, is automatically a participant in the Plan unless the member elects (with spouse concurrence if required) not to participate before the end of the 90-day period that begins on the date of such notification. A member who elects not to participate in the Plan (with spouse concurrence, if required) before the end of the 90-day period remains eligible to participate in the SBP at age 60.”

2. Subparagraph 550201.C.1, add last sentence to read:

“If a member chooses Option A, spouse concurrence is required. See subparagraph 550201.G below.”

3. Subparagraph 550201.C.2, add last sentence to read:

“If a member chooses Option B, spouse concurrence is required. See subparagraph 550201.G below.”

4. Revise subparagraph 550201.G to read:

“G. Effective March 1, 1986, a retirement-eligible Reserve member who elects RCSBP coverage for less than maximum coverage for the spouse, when the member becomes eligible to participate, must obtain the concurrence of the spouse in writing. With respect to members who receive notification of retired pay eligibility under 10 U.S.C., Chapter 1223 (reference (c)) after January 1, 2001, a retirement-eligible Reserve member must obtain the concurrence of the spouse in writing before declining coverage (Option A), electing deferred coverage (Option B), electing spouse coverage at less than the maximum level, or electing coverage for a dependent child but not for the spouse. If former spouse coverage is elected or deemed, the spouse concurrence is not required; however, the spouse is notified of the former spouse coverage. (See paragraph 430305 of this volume for SBP spouse concurrence).”

5. Add the following to the Bibliography.

PARAGRAPH

REFERENCE

550201.G Add

Public Law 106-398, section 655
October 30, 2000